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Governor Gray Davis
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Governor Davis:

Many years ago I read Marc Reisner's book, regarding the short supply of water in the American West, entitled "Cadillac Desert", published by Viking-Penguin in 1986. It brought home, not only the scarcity and importance of water in the Western United States but, also, the importance of conservation and intelligent water development and distribution.

I have lived in California for over 70 years and know how critical water supply is to us. I can see how difficult it is to fairly allocate this scarce resource between commerce, manufacturing, farming, maintaining healthy water-ways and for smart and conserving development to insure personal and recreational use in the future.

With the publication of the CALFED draft EIR there will be an opportunity to chart a course that will guarantee healthy rivers, abundant wildlife, and ample clean water for our families, farms and businesses. It can lead the way to a better future for California - away from the old ways of building massive new dams and canals that harm our environment.

I urge you to do all you can to make sure that the CALFED program :

- Invests in water efficiency before considering new dams or reservoirs;
- Restores our rivers, bays and fisheries by providing adequate fresh water and caring for the land lining our rivers;
- Improving water quality for people and wildlife by enforcing pollution limits;
- Stop legislation that makes taxpayers fund studies for new dams and reservoirs that flood valuable habitat and remove water from our rivers.

I'm counting on you to provide California with the leadership needed to protect our rivers, bays and drinking water.

Sincerely yours,



cc: Mr. Tom Hannigan, Director
Water Resources

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